

(8) ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER, AND TAKE, RECEIVE, OWN, HOLD, USE, EMPLOY, IMPROVE, AND OTHERWISE DEAL WITH ANY INTEREST IN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, WHEREVER LOCATED;

(9) PURCHASE, TAKE, RECEIVE, SUBSCRIBE FOR, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE, OWN, HOLD, VOTE, USE, EMPLOY, SELL, MORTGAGE, LOAN, PLEDGE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF AND OTHERWISE USE AND DEAL IN AND WITH STOCK AND OTHER INTERESTS IN AND OBLIGATIONS OF OTHER MARYLAND AND FOREIGN CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, AND INDIVIDUALS;

(10) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, ACQUIRE ANY OF ITS OWN STOCK, BONDS, NOTES, AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND SECURITIES ;

(11) INVEST ITS SURPLUS FUNDS , LEND MONEY FROM TIME TO TIME IN ANY MANNER WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO ENABLE IT TO CARRY ON THE OPERATIONS OR FULFILL THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER, AND TAKE AND HOLD REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AS SECURITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS SO INVESTED OR LOANED;

(12) BE A PROMOTER, PARTNER, MEMBER, ASSOCIATE, OR MANAGER OF ANY PARTNERSHIP, JOINT VENTURE, TRUST, OR OTHER ENTERPRISE;

(13) IF AUTHORIZED BY ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MAKE REASONABLE GIFTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS OUT OF PROFITS TO OR FOR THE USE OF:

(I) THE STATE OR ANY INSTITUTION, AGENCY, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AND

(II) ANY ORGANIZATION FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, CIVIC, LITERARY, OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES;

(14) ELECT ITS OFFICERS AND APPOINT ITS AGENTS, DEFINE THEIR DUTIES, DETERMINE THEIR COMPENSATION, AND ADOPT AND CARRY INTO EFFECT EMPLOYEE AND OFFICER BENEFIT PLANS;

(15) ADOPT, ALTER, AND REPEAL BYLAWS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW OR ITS CHARTER FOR THE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ITS AFFAIRS;

(16) EXERCISE GENERALLY THE POWERS SET FORTH IN ITS CHARTER AND THOSE GRANTED BY LAW; AND

(17) DO EVERY OTHER ACT NOT INCONSISTENT ~~WITH LAW~~ WHICH IS APPROPRIATE TO PROMOTE AND ATTAIN THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN ITS CHARTER.